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SUBJECT: SOVIETS OFFER NUCLEAR REACTOR TO RP TO REPLACE
WESTINGHOUSE REACTOR?

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES, VALERIAN VLADIMIROVICH MICHAELOV, REPORTEDLY HAS OFFERED THE PHILIPPINES A NUCLEAR REACTOR TO REPLACE THE CONTROVERSIAL WESTINGHOUSE PROJECT. IN A PRESS RELEASE DATED FEBRUARY 15, 1978, PHILCONSULTANTS, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF AP-DOW JONES BUSINESS-FINANCIAL NEWS SERVICE, QUOTED MRS. IMEDLA MARCOS "THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR CAME IN HERE AND SAT FOR TWO-AND-A-HALF HOURS. HE OFFERED ME A COMPLETE PLANT, EVEN A REACTOR, TO REPLACE THE WESTINGHOUSE ONE." THE MARCOS/MICHAELOV CONVERSATION REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE LAST MONTH, A DAY AFTER PRESIDENT MARCOS ANNOUNCED HE MIGHT CANCEL THE WESTINGHOUSE CONTRACT. THE ARTICLE CITES EXPERTS AS SAYING THEY KNOW OF NO PREVIOUS SOVIET OFFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO A COUNTRY OUTSIDE THE EAST EUROPEAN SOVIET BLOC. THE RELEASE, BYLINED MANILA (AP-DJ), WAS NOT REPRINTED IN ANY
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LOCAL DAILIES FEBRUARY 16.

2. COMMENT: DAILY EXPRESS COLUMNIST TEODORO VALENCIA HAS REFERRED TO THE SOVIET OFFER PREVIOUSLY IN HIS COLUMN, THE SOVIET OFFER CAME UP DURING THE COURSE OF A COURTESY CALL BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM HENOC ON SECRETARY OF ENERGY GERONIMO VELASCO FEBRUARY 15.

VELASCO'S ONLYSCOMMENT WAS, "THERE HAVE BEEN MANY OFFERS
(SINCE THE WESTINGHOUSE CONTROVERSY AROSE), NONE OF WHICH
HAVE BEEN PICKED UP." END COMMENT.
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